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Ms. Robin Arnold-Williams
Secretary
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P.O. Box 45010
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Dear Ms. Arnold-Williams:

We are pleased to inform you that your State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) State plan amendment submitted May 2, 2006, with additional information and revised State plan pages submitted on June 29, 2006, has been approved. This amendment extends the SCHIP continuous eligibility period from 6 months to 12 months and updates the State plan to reflect the name change and organizational changes that occurred within the agency that administers SCHIP.

Your title XXI project officer is Mr. James Grant. He is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other SCHIP-related issues. Mr. Grant's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Mr. Grant and to Karen O'Connor, Associate Regional Administrator in our Seattle Regional Office. Ms. O'Connor's address is:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Jean Sheil, Director, Family and Children's Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid and State Operations at (410) 786-5647.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mark B. McClellan", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark B. McClellan, M.D., Ph.D.

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cc: CMS Region X, Seattle